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APPLICATION OF)
RALF TIMMERMANN ET AL) PCT/EP98/02553
SERIAL NUMBER: TO BE ASSIGNED)
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TITLE: HEAT-SEALABLE FILTER)
MATERIAL WITH BIODEGRAD-)
ABLE POLYMERS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to its examination, please amend the enclosed English language translation of the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At the top of page 1, change the title to read: "Heat-sealable filter material with biodegradable polymers".

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please change the Abstract to read as follows:

"Heat-sealable filter material with biodegradable polymers

Abstract of the Disclosure

A filter material comprising at least two-ply structure, wherein at least one ply contains natural fibers and one ply biodegradable, thermoplastic fibers is disclosed. The thermoplastic fibers are selected from the group comprising aliphatic or

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